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SUBJECT: CSCE: DISCLAIMER ON EFFECT OF DECLARATION
OF PRINCIPLES ON FOUR POWER RIGHTS

REF: BONN 12484

1 SUMMARY. DISCLAIMER ON FOUR POWER RIGHTS IN GERMANY
WAS READ SEPT 28 BY FRENCH DEL AND CONCURRED IN BY US
AND UK DELS AND HAS BEEN CIRCULATED AS A CONFERENCE DOCU-
MENT. SOVIETS WILL APPARENTLY NOT CONTEST. END SUMMARY.

2. ON SEPT 28 AT FIRST FULL MEETING OF SUB-COMMITTEE 1 ON
SUBSTANCE OF A DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES, FRENCH DEL BY
PREARRANGEMENT, READ TEXT OF DISCLAIMER AGREED IN BONN
GROUP (REFTEL) ON EFFECT OF AN EVENTUAL DECLARATION ON
FOUR POWER RIGHTS. DURING COURSE OF THEIR GENERAL REMARKS
ON DECLARATION, US AND UK DELS CONCURRED WITH FRENCH RE-
MARKS IN THIS REGARD.

3. AFTER MEETING, UK AND FRENCH DELS REQUESTED SECRETARIAT
TO CIRCULATE DISCLAIMER TO ALL PARTICIPANTS AS A CONFERENCE
DOCUMENT PROVIDING ENGLISH AND FRENCH TEXTS. DOCUMENTS NOW ISSUED
BEARING FOLLOWING TITLE: "EXCERPTS OF REMARKS DELIVERED BY THE
FRENCH DELEGATION TO SUB-COMMITTEE 1 ON SEPTEMBER 28, 1973 WITH
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WHICH THE UNITED STATES AND BRITISH DELEGATIONS CONCURRED."

4. TEXT OF ENGLISH VERSION OF DISCLAIMER IS AS FOLLOWS:
BEGIN TEXT. AS WE PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE ON
A DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES, I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION THAT JOINING
IN SUCH A DECLARATION CAN IN NO WAY AFFECT THE RIGHTS AND
RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE FOUR POWERS AND THE CORRESPONDING, RELATED
QUADRIpartite AGREEMENTS, DECISIONS AND PRACTICES REFERRED TO IN
THE QUADRIpartite DECLARATION OF 9TH NOVEMBER 1972. END TEXT

5. IN CONVERSATION AFTER SEPT 28 MEETING MENDELEVICH ASKED VEST
IF THE THREE WESTERN POWERS WANTED A CONFRONTATION ON THIS ISSUE
OR MERELY WISHED TO STATE KNOWN POSITIONS. WHEN ASSURED THAT OUR
POSITION WAS THE LATTER, MENDELEVICH SAID THAT SOVIETS WOULD MAKE
REMARKS DESCRIBED PARA 6 BELOW AND THEN LET THE MATTER DROP.

6. GDR MADE OVERALL STATEMENT ON DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES ON
OCT 2 WITHOUT MAKING ANY ATTEMPT TO REPLY TO DISCLAIMER. ON OCT 3,
SOVIET REP(MENDELEVICH) NOTED THAT SEVERAL DELEGATIONS HAD
PREVIOUSLY STATED THAT THE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES SHOULD NOT
HAVE ANY EFFECT ON QUADRIpartite RIGHTS. IN THE SOVIET VIEW, THE
NEXT TO LAST PARAGRAPH OF THE SOVIET DRAFT GENERAL DECLARATION OF
PRINCIPLES TO THE EFFECT THAT NOTHING IN THAT DECLARATION
AFFECTS OBLIGATIONS ASSUMED UNDER OPERATIVE AGREEMENTS,
COVERS THIS POINT. IF THE PARAGRAPH IS ACCEPTED, HE WENT ON, IT
WOULD CONSTITUTE A RESPONSE TO THE VIEWS EXPRESSED. BASSIN

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